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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS: MEETING WITH
MALECELA

1. SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND AMBASSADOR MET JUNE
20 WITH TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED
INCLUDED TANZANIAN INTERNAL POLICIES AND US ASSISTANCE, SOUTHERN
AFRICAN ISSUES AND POSITIONS AT THE UN, TANZANIAN ROLE IN
KIDNAPPING RELEASE EFFORTS, AND US/CUBA RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. BILATERAL RELATIONS: ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND AMBASSADOR
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MET WITH TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA JUNE 20 FOR

NINETY-MINUTE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RANGE OF TOPICS. AFTER WELCOMING DAVIS TO TANZANIA, MALECELA DISCUSSED TANZANIAN INTERNAL POLICY OF VILLAGIZATION, STATING THAT SOME SIX MILLION PEOPLE WERE BEING MOVED, CHARGES THAT FORCE WAS BEING USED WERE QTE PROPAGANDA UNQTE, AND THT COUNTRY'S FOOD PROBLEMS WERE DUE TO DROUGHT, NOT TO MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. MALECELA ALSO EXPRESSED TANZANIA'S APPRECIATION FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA AND ESPECIALLY FOR FOOD SUPPLIED IN DROUGHT SITUATION. MALECELA SAID HE FELT THAT US/TANZANIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY QTE VERY GOOD COOPERATION UNQTE, CITING THE 600-MILE GREAT NORTH ROAD, MASAI CATTLE RANGE PROJECT, AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. DAVIS REPLIED THAT US ALSO WAS PLEASED WITH STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TANZANIA'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, NOTING INCREASE IN US ASSISTANCE TO TANZANIA IN RECENT YEARS.

3. DAVIS RAISED MATTER OF EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF KIDNAPPED AMERICAN STUDENTS, STRESSING USG CONCERN THAT DIFFICULT, POTENTIALLY TRAGIC SITUATION BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND EXPRESSING US THANKS TO TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT NYERERE FOR CONCERN AND COOPERATION THEY ARE SHOWING IN THIS MATTER.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA: MALECELA THEN TURNED TO TANZANIA'S DIFFERENCES WITH US ON SUBJECT OF DECOLONIZATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA CRITICIZING US QTE LACK OF WILL TO BACK UP BLACK PEOPLE UNQTE IN THIS AREA ON MATTERS AT UN ON SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, AND RHODESIA. MALECELA SAID THAT US PROBLEM WAS IN TRYING TO PLEASE BOTH SIDES, AFRICANS AND WHITE MINORITY IN SOUTH AFRICA. DAVIS DISCUSSED US POLICY, INCLUDING LONG STANDING OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND EMBARGO ON SALE OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA, IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL UN POSITION.

5. NAMIBIA AND CHAPTER 7: NOTING DIFFERING US AND TANZANIAN VIEWS ON USE OF CHAPTER 7, DAVIS ASKED MALECELA'S SUGGESTIONS ON MEANS OF SEEKING COMMON GROUND INSTEAD OF CONTINUING AT LOGGERHEADS AT UN ON THIS ISSUE, IN EFFECT PERMITTING SOUTH AFRICA TO SHIELD BEHIND VETO. MALECELA RESPONDED THAT IT IS NOW UP TO OPPONENTS OF CHAPTER 7 TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVES, REMARKING WHAT HE PERCEIVED AS INCONGRUENCE BETWEEN US'S OWN EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES

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BUT REFUSAL TO ALLOW EMBARGO TO BECOME MANDATORY FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS FRANCE. MALECELA SAID THAT BRITISH HAD NOT MADE QTE HONEST EFFORT UNQTE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POSITIONS DURING NEGOTIATIONS AT UN PRECEDING RIPLE VETO ON NAMBIA AND SHARPLY CRITICIZED WHAT HE PERCEIVED AS DIVERGENCE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S SPEECH ON NAMIBIA AT KINGSTON COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, INCLUDING INCLUSION OF FUNDS FOR SWAPO IN COMMONWEALTH TRAINING FUND, AND BRITISH POSITION IN NEW YORK.

6. RHODESIA: MALECELA REITERATED TANZANIA'S COMMITMENT TO PURSUE RESOLUTION OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM, BY PEACEFUL OR VIOLENT MEANS. HE WAS DEEPLY CRITICAL OF CONTINUED US PURCHASE OF RHODESIAN CHROME, EFFECTIVELY QTE SUPPORT FOR WHITE RHODESIA UNQTE. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE BELIEVED BYRD AMENDMENT HAD BEEN PASSED IN FIRST PLACE TO PUNISH AFRICA FOR SUPPORTING ADMISSION OF PRC TO UN, ADD- IN PASSING REFERENCE TO QTE THINGS THAT OUGHT NOT TO HAVE BEEN SAID UNQTE, APPARENTLY ALLUSION TO HIGHLY PUBLICIZED GLEE OF TANZANIAN UN REPS INCLUDING HIMSELF AT US LOSS ON CHIREP VOTE. DAVIS RESPONDED, NOTING GENERALLY GOOD US RECORD ON SANCTIONS ENFORCEMENT AND CITING ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO OBTAIN REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT.

7. MOZAMBIQUE: RESPONDING TO MALECELA'S OFFER TO DISCUSS OTHER QUESTIONS, DAVIS ASKED HIS OPINION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S INTENTIONS REGARDING RHODESIAN SANCTIONS. MALECELA REPLIED THAT NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT HAS QTE NO ALTERNATIVE UNQTE BUT TO APPLY SANCTIONS WHEN IT BECOMES MEMBER OF UN. ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WILL ENSUE, BUT MOZAMBIQUE QTE WILL JUST HAVE TO SUFFER. UNQTE.

8. US/CUBA RELATIONS: DURING JUNE 19 CALL, JUNIOR MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS I.A. SEPETU, REFERRING TO PRESIDENT NYERERE'S APRIL VISIT TO CUBA, HAD RAISED SUBJECT OF US/CUBA RELATIONS, SUGGESTING THAT DAVIS RAISE MATTER WITH MALECELA. AFTER DIS- CLAIMER THAT MATTER WAS BILATERAL ISSUE BETWEEN US AND CUBA, MALECELA THEN URGED US TO TAKE FIRST STEP, DRAWING PARALLEL OF FATHER WHO HAS EXPELLED YOUNGER SON FROM HIS HOUSE, ADDING THAT, FROM HIS TALKS WITH CUBANS, HE WAS QTE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT CUBA WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH US. UNQTE

9. ANGOLA: RESPONDING TO DAVIS QUESTION REGARDING HIS VIEWS OF PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN ANGOLA IN LIGHT OF NAKURU MEETING,
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MALECELA SAID THAT PEACE DEPENDED ON THREE LEADERS, NOT ON NAKURU MEETING. HE SAID THAT HE AND OTHER AFRICANS DEPLORED QTE SELFISH- NESS UNQTE OF ANGOLAN LEADERS; THEIR PURPORTED IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WERE QTE RUBBISH UNQTE. MALECELA NOTED THAT ARMS WERE POURING INTO ANGOLA, ALTHOUGH TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ARMS SUPPLY SINCE APRIL 1974. WHEN DAVIS ASKED HOW THE FLOW OF ARMS FROM OTHER SOURCES COULD BE REDUCED, MALECELA SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WERE OUR (US) FRIENDS. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, MALECELA SAID TANZANIA HAD NOT, UP TO PRESENT, MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO USSR ON THIS POINT.

10. MALECELA CLOSED MEETING IN ORDER TO GO TO PARLIAMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN BUDGET DEBATE, INVITING DAVIS TO VISIT TANZANIA AGAIN WHEN HE HAD TIME TO SEE DEVELOPMENT IN REST OF COUNTRY AND EXPRESSING DESIRE TO MEET WITH HIM IN NEW YORK DURING UNGA IN THE

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